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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of:	) Confirmation No. 7259
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Serial No.: 10/697,402	) Group Art Unit: 1761
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2005, the claims of Group I, Claims 1-23 ("drawn to a method of preparing a whey protein material"), and the species 1b ("Acidic pH treatment, claim 3"), readable on Claims 1 and 3-23, are elected without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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